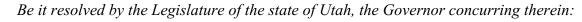
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28	WHEREAS, center-based employment providers are private nonprofit, state, or local
29	government entities that provide employment and other opportunities to an individual with a
30	disability;
31	WHEREAS, an individual with a disability learns job skills, earns wages, interacts with
32	peers, and gains a sense of accomplishment at a center-based employment program;
33	WHEREAS, an individual with a disability accesses a variety of community-based
34	vocational and personal options at a center-based employment program;
35	WHEREAS, the goal of a center-based employment program is to prepare an individual
36	with a disability for competitive employment;
37	WHEREAS, by providing services unique to the individual and the local community in
38	which the individual is located, and by working in partnership with business and industry,
39	center-based employment programs remain an integral part of local economies;
40	WHEREAS, many Utah residents with a disability choose to participate in a
41	center-based employment program;
42	WHEREAS, parents, guardians, and caregivers of individuals with a disability support
43	and attest to the benefits of center-based employment programs and the employment provided
44	by center-based employment programs;
45	WHEREAS, some individuals with a disability may not be well-suited for competitive
46	employment, but could succeed in a center-based employment program;
47	WHEREAS, a center-based employment program provides a safety net for an
48	individual with a disability who is not successful in competitive employment;
49	WHEREAS, there is growing concern that regulations adopted by the Centers for
50	Medicare and Medicaid Services significantly change the home and community-based services
51	Medicaid waiver program and will reduce opportunities for an individual with a disability to
52	participate in a center-based employment program;
53	WHEREAS, an individual with a disability should be free to choose the setting in
54	which the individual receives services or employment, including a program or employment by
55	a center-based employment provider in Utah;
56	WHEREAS, there is a place for both integrated and center-based employment services
57	to meet the needs of all individuals with a disability in Utah; and
58	WHEREAS, the inability to receive federal funds is not a sufficient reason to

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
Governor concurring therein, urges that the option for individuals with disabilities to choose
the settings in which they receive services and employment opportunities, including those in
center-based settings, be preserved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urges the Congress of the United States to request that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services reconsider the changes concerning funding for participation in a program offered by a center-based employment provider and permit an individual with a disability to freely choose the setting in which the individual wishes to receive employment services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Utah's congressional delegation and the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services.